

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004.

By said Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as not complying with the written description requirement and unduly broad, as well as rejected under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims of Patent Nos. 6,531,129 and 6,699,672.

In a telephone interview held with the Examiner on December 20, 2004, Applicants, in order to obtain an early issuance of the instant application, have amended claim 1 in the manner hereinabove to overcome the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. 112. The Examiner tentatively indicated that the above amendment would put the claims in allowable condition if Terminal Disclaimers with respect to Patent Nos. 6,531,129 and 6,699,672 were filed.

Applicants hereby attach two Terminal Disclaimers with respect to the above two patents thereby putting claim 1 in allowable condition.

The drawings were objected to inasmuch as they were in color. Applicants are submitting a Petition to Accept the Color Drawings.

Applicants, having addressed all the rejections and objections in the Office Action of August 10, 2004, it is respectfully urged that claim 1 is allowable and its issuance as a patent is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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